



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of May 29 – June 13, 2015)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

While on boat patrol on the Mississippi River Pool 13, CPO Jones cited a woman for possession of a walleye in the protected slot (20" to 27"). During the same boat patrol, CPO Jones also cited a Savanna man for possession of an undersized large-mouth bass (under 14").

CPO Jones cited both a Rock City man and a Savanna woman during different boat patrols for failure to have enough wearable life jackets for each person on board their boats.

A 30 year old man from Preston, Iowa was getting liquored up on his Oquawka boat on the Mississippi River. CPO Beltran and CPO Jones performed a boat safety inspection and during the search for fish they discovered a cooler of ice-cold Bud Lite beers and a bucket full of empties. The Preston man failed field sobriety testing and blew over the legal limit resulting in his arrest for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. Iowa DNR Andrew Keil assisted in the arrest and turned the boat over to a sober passenger. Court has been set in Carroll County in August.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled the Mississippi River and conducted fishing and boating compliance checks. An East Dubuque man was issued a citation for unlawful sport fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted three watercraft title/registration investigations. The three watercraft were all approved for titling.

CPO Hoogerwerf issued two nuisance animal removal permits to homeowners experiencing damage caused by groundhogs.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted traffic stops in Apple River Canyon State Park. Written warnings were issued for driving over the posted speed limit.

CPO Hoogerwerf taught the law section of a Boat Safety Class at Apple Canyon Lake.

OGLE COUNTY

A Mount Morris man was fishing along Kite River when he observed a large cat. CPO Beltran explored the area with the man two days later and gathered evidence for analysis to determine what it was.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Captain Laura Petreikis attended the annual Moline Conservation Club Fishing Derby. Approximately 140 kids and their families attended the event. Captain Petreikis assisted in untangling lines, rigging lines, and baiting numerous hooks.

CPO Francisko located an abandoned, nearly submerged, pleasure boat in the Rock River upstream from the I-80 Bridge. He attained registration numbers off the hull and began an investigation into who the boat belonged to and why it was there. The last registered owner was interviewed and was able to provide some information as to who he sold the boat to. That subject was located in Geneseo and interviewed. He admitted he had purchased the boat in 2014 and re-sold it. The Geneseo man did not register it with IDNR as he's required to do within 15 days or as soon as he used it on the water. That subject was issued a citation for failure to transfer certificate of number (boat registration). The person the boat was then sold to was located in Colona. The subject admitted he did purchase the boat and never registered it in his name. He admitted he had used the boat several times on the Rock River. The boat was a 1976 Glastron. The transom gave out from dry rot while underway in June of 2014. The Colona man drove the boat to the shoreline and abandoned it. The boat remained in that location for nearly a year. The Colona man was arrested for: 1) Abandoning a watercraft on the waters of this state; 2) Pollution of a waterway; 3) Failure to transfer certificate of number. The subject was also issued a written warning for operation of an unnumbered watercraft and ordered to remove the watercraft from the river. The watercraft was removed on May 31, 2015. The man has a mandatory court date in July at the Rock Island County Courthouse.

CPO Francisko was called to respond to Sunset Marina (500 series) in Rock Island in reference to a gas and oil spill. He responded with the USCG and began an investigation. It was determined a boat docked in Sunset Marina docks had pumped a gas/oil mix out of its bilge for approximately 15 minutes that day. This mix caused a massive sheen on the water and absorbent booms were deployed to contain some of the oil and gas. The smell of gasoline at the 400 series docks was overpowering. The two boat owners were cited for pollution of a waterway and failure to transfer certificate of number.

CPO Francisko conducted an investigation into possible illegal trapping in Galva at the request of the Galva Police Department. It was determined that an in-town resident used long spring foot hold traps in her front yard flower garden to deter animals and stray cats from using the flower beds as a litter box. A neighbor's dog (who was not under full control of the owner) got into the flower beds and stepped in one of the traps. Foot hold traps are designed to hold an animal and not injure them. The dog was released unharmed. It was determined that no Conservation Wildlife codes were violated but other state laws and ordinances may have been violated. The case was referred back to the Galva Police Department. The Galva resident agreed it was bad judgement to use a foot hold trap in town and agreed not to do it again.

CPO Francisko made an emergency response to the Steel Dam on the Rock River in Milan. A concerned woman observed several young juveniles playing at the base of the dam unsupervised. The caller stated that a few of the children had nearly fallen in and if somebody didn't get there she feared one or more of the children would drown. CPO Francisko arrived on scene and confirmed what the caller stated. Two young boys (approximately 7 years old) wearing swimming suits were playing on the side of the dam on a concrete ledge that has no railings. This was directly above what is known as "The Drowning Machine." Low head dams are extremely dangerous. Anybody that gets into these waters at the base of a low head dam almost always dies. CPO Francisko calmly asked the boys to come over to him, which they did. Soon three young girls came over. The children were completely unsupervised. The guardian was in the middle of the river approximately 100 yards below the dam fishing. CPO Francisko had to stand on a bench, yell and wave his arms to get the attention of the guardian. After interviewing the guardian it was determined that two of the

children were his and three were distant family members. The Iowa man drove the five children to the dam (without a valid driver's license) and had been fishing for three hours (without a required non-resident fishing license). A responsible adult with a driver's license was called to the scene. The Iowa man was issued citations for the driving and fishing violations. Child endangerment charges are being reviewed by the Rock Island County State's Attorney's Office. The Iowa man has a mandatory court appearance in Rock Island County Court in July 2015.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt assisted the Boone County Sheriff's Department with an interview of a suspect regarding a complaint of criminal damage to State supported property and stream bed protection act violations. The interview resulted in a voluntary written statement of confession under Miranda Right Waiver from the suspect. Charges are pending.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry was patrolling Shabbona Lake State Park Campground at approximately 11:15 p.m. when he observed a light on the lake approximately 150 yards from shore. CPO Murry went around to the other side of the lake and observed two individuals kayaking on the lake. (All boats must be off the lake by 9:30 p.m.) CPO Murry ordered them to shore where they were given citations for operation of a non-powered watercraft without a water usage stamp and a written warning for remaining in a closed area after posted closing time.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Wire attended court for a case where a dirt bike was illegally operating on the roadway. The operator of the dirt bike was found guilty and fined \$120.

CPO Wire cited three individuals who illegally parked their motorcycles in a handicapped parking spot. The drivers are required to go to court and face a minimum \$250 fine.

CPO Finn and an intern were patrolling the Illinois River near Peru when they discovered a van parked in a location closed to public access. After walking the river bank, CPO Finn and the intern found three men fishing illegally and one of the men snagging Asian carp. All three men received citations for fishing without permission and one of them received a second citation for illegally snagging fish. All three were warned for trespassing and illegally parking.

CPO Kaufman responded to a call of an individual in the Starved Rock campground taking pictures of small children. The children's father had confronted the man and he left the campground. Park staff and CPO Kaufman searched the entire park complex and were unable to locate the man or his vehicle.

CPO Kaufman received a call regarding an intoxicated individual in a motorized wheelchair harassing fishermen on the I & M Canal. The individual had struck the fishermen with his wheelchair and was trying to push them into the water. LaSalle City Police Department had located the individual and when they confronted him he struck their squad with his wheelchair. The intoxicated wheelchair operator received two citations from CPO Kaufman and another citation from the LaSalle City Police.

CPO Kaufman received a call regarding an individual running around Matthiessen State Park in his underwear scaring park visitors. CPO Kaufman was unable to find the man or his vehicle.

CPO Kaufman handled a hit and run at the LaSalle Lake Fish and Wildlife Area parking lot. A fisherman had returned to his vehicle after being out for five hours and found his van with a large dent in it.

While on trail patrol at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wright and Intern Branson stopped three subjects climbing from the bottom trail to the top trail. After the subjects were stopped it was found one of the subjects was in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Three subjects were issued citations for hiking off trails. The subject with cannabis was also arrested for the cannabis and paraphernalia.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Schoonhoven responded to a call of inappropriate displays of affection in the picnic area within the park and subsequently arrested the person for disorderly conduct.

CPO Fraser received a complaint from a concerned Rockford citizen about her elderly neighbor shooting rabbits in his back yard. CPO Fraser responded and spoke with the man in question. The man was honest and up front about shooting the rabbits from the beginning. The gentleman stated he spoke with a Deputy who advised him what he was doing was legal. CPO Fraser informed the man that rabbits are a protected species and could not be taken legally out of season. The man was apologetic and said he would stop shooting animals at his property. A written warning was issued to the man and the complainant was told to contact IDNR if the man failed to follow through with his promise.

CPO Fraser handled nearly a dozen wild animal and baby bird calls. CPO Fraser reminded the callers of wildlife behavior in the spring and gave them contact information for any further issues they may encounter.

CPO Fraser conducted two commercial boat inspections. Several written warnings were issued to a kayak rental service; all violations were minor and were corrected the same day.

CPO Fraser received a call of a missing autistic child in Rock Cut State Park. Local jurisdictions and an Illinois State Police K-9 Unit responded to assist. Within an hour of the child's disappearance he was located by three teenage female visitors of the park. CPO Alt then located all four individuals while on a Conservation Police ATV he was using to search the area. CPO Fraser then transported the child's mother to meet him on the trail.

While on trail patrol in Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser and CPO Alt located three individuals in an area known to be popular with teenage drinkers and marijuana users. Upon approaching the individuals CPO Fraser was met with the strong, distinct odor of cannabis. CPO Fraser asked the individuals who was in possession of the drugs. One individual produced a glass smoking pipe containing cannabis and another individual produced a grinder box containing cannabis; the third individual was not in possession of drugs or paraphernalia and had not ingested any cannabis. The two individuals in possession of the cannabis and paraphernalia were issued citations and notices to appear in court. CPO Alt checked the sobriety of the third subject and determined that she had not ingested cannabis and she was allowed to drive the other two individuals from the scene.

CPO Fraser attended a grand jury trial in Winnebago County for a felony DUI. The case will move forward and is pending, along with a seizure of the individual's truck.

CPO Fraser and CPO Schoonhoven responded to a call for assistance from the Rockford Police Department regarding a deer that broke through a window in a residence and was trapped inside. Upon arrival at the scene it was apparent the deer had a severe cut somewhere on its body and was losing blood quickly. While attempting to plan a course of action the deer bled out and died in the house. The carcass was transported to Hoo Haven rehabilitators where it will be used to feed recovering hawks, owls, eagles and other carnivores.

CPO Alt completed a telephone radio interview with a local radio station promoting National Boat Safety Week.

CPO Alt conducted an assigned commercial inspection of a Rockford area licensed boat livery rental business who rents canoes and kayaks on the Kishwaukee River in northern Illinois. A visual and physical inspection of 38 vessels were conducted in addition to over 90 pfd's (personal flotation devices) to ensure rental boats are sea worthy and pfd's are serviceable. Multiple count violations were detected to include failure to display watercraft usage stamps, failure to

display boat rental tags/decals, and failure to display capacity and weight limits on rental boats. In addition, several pfd's were placed out of service due to tears, holes, punctures or illegible USCG approval labels.

CPO Alt and CPO Fraser completed a foot patrol on the trails in Rock Cut State Park. They came upon three college age individuals who were off the designated trail sitting in the woods, two of whom had been smoking cannabis. Arrests for unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia were assessed. Verbal warnings were issued to the teens for not being on a designated trail.

CPO Alt and CPO Fraser responded to a missing 11 year old autistic child on the trail system in Rock Cut State Park. While CPO Fraser obtained physical description/identifiers of the child from the family and coordinated additional law enforcement resources to conduct a large scale search of the area, CPO Alt began searching the trails by department issued ATV. CPO Alt immediately located the child on an outlying trail and walked the child to the edge of the trail loop and met CPO Fraser and the child's mother.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson was on patrol near coal mine properties in Fulton County. Multiple reports suggested suspects had been seen fishing these restricted areas. While patrolling in the evening hours near one of the incorporated properties, two vehicles were located near the property. After a lengthy stakeout, the suspects emerged and were apprehended and cited for fishing without permission and no fishing licenses. Six bass and several bluegill and crappie were confiscated, photographed and released. After speaking with the subjects about the terms of their release, it was found that there was only one valid and sober driver in the group. Additional enforcement action was taken.

CPO Thompson and CPO Lazzell worked a boat patrol at several lakes in Fulton County and noted several boat equipment violations, including no pfd's on board, violation of no wake zone, no fire extinguisher, and no sounding device. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid conducted a commercial fishing detail on the Mississippi River in Henderson County. The officer located numerous commercial fishing devices and three miscellaneous citations were issued.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell arrested a Bartonville man on two Peoria County warrants and possession of cannabis at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant received a complaint from an apartment complex manager in Tazewell County. The manager was having trouble with people fishing without permission on their private property. After multiple patrols on the property three subjects were cited for fishing without permission of the landowner.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard investigated a fatal boat accident on the Mackinaw River in Woodford County.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma responded to an anonymous tip in reference to four subjects at the Carpentersville Dam using a net to take sport fish. Upon arrival three male subjects and a juvenile were observed in the middle of the river at the base of the dam, casting a net into the water. The subjects were observed for approximately three minutes and then brought to shore for questioning. The subjects were in possession of one 13" walleye and a drum. Citations were issued for the unlawful use of cast net to take sport fish, using a cast net within 300 yards of a dam and failure to release short fish.

CPO Siedsma responded to a call in reference to a boat accident on the Fox River in Elgin north of the I-90 Bridge. Upon arrival, one male subject was being transported to the hospital via Elgin Fire for a fracture to his left leg after being struck by his friend operating another PWC (personal watercraft). Upon interviewing the striking operator, it was determined that the subject was possibly under the influence of alcohol and field sobriety tests were performed. The subject was then arrested for OUI and processed at Elgin Police Department. The second operator was interviewed at the hospital and arrested for OUI.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Davis cited two subjects for fishing without licenses on the Fox River.

CPO Davis cited a subject for operating a boat without a sufficient number of pfd's. She was also issued a written warning for too many occupants in the boat.

CPOs Jason Hurt and Scott Wagner were on boat patrol on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. A boat not displaying current registration was stopped with two persons on board. A boat safety inspection was conducted on the boat. Violations included expired registration (1981), no Fox Waterway use sticker, no pfd's, no fire extinguisher, and no sounding device. Additionally, a short (12.5") largemouth bass was found on the boat. The operator was cited for no pfd's and given several written warnings for other violations. The passenger was cited for failure to immediately release the short bass and given a written warning for no valid sport fishing license.

CPOs Jason Hurt and Mike VanWiltburg conducted a boat patrol on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. Several boat safety inspections were conducted. Four citations and six written warnings were issued for violations of the Boat Safety and Registration Act and sport fishing regulations.

CPO Jason Hurt was conducting sport fishing enforcement at Pedersen Park in Antioch. An individual was seen fishing and shortly after seeing CPO Hurt pull into the parking lot, the individual promptly packed up and left. CPO Hurt later determined the individual's fishing privileges were revoked. Later that day, CPO Hurt went to the fisherman's residence and asked to see his fishing license. The subject explained he had tried to get a fishing license earlier in the day and was told he could not purchase a license due to being delinquent on child support. The subject elected to fish anyway without a license. The subject was arrested for fishing without a valid sport fishing license while privileges revoked. The subject was cited and released on a notice to appear.

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Wagner and Sgt. Riedel arrested a subject wanted on warrants out of Boone and Kane Counties while conducting boat patrol. Subject was also issued citation for pfd violation. Subject's two daughters were not in life jackets.

CPO Wagner cited a subject for a pfd violation.

CPO Wagner issued two written warnings for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Wagner issued two written warnings for no Fox Waterway sticker.

CPO Wagner issued one written warning for speeding.

- OTHER: CPO Davis assisted in firearms instruction for the recruit class.
District 2 continued operator training on the Impact 750. CPOs Hurt, Kelley, Davis, Winters and Sgt. Riedel participated in the training.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Wagner cited a subject for insufficient pfd.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson while conducting recreational boat enforcement issued three written warnings for various watercraft violations and is currently investigating two boat registration/title cases.

CPO Wollgast had been working with local carpenters for the last 18 months to mount the 36 point buck illegally taken by Kiernan in the Grundy County Courthouse. Mueller Custom Cabinetry designed and created a display mount which they worked with CPO Wollgast to mount the buck in the Grundy County State's Attorney's Office for public display.

While conducting several boat enforcement details on the Illinois and Mazon Rivers CPO Wollgast and CPO Anderson issued several written warnings for a variety of boating and fishing violations.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

Officer Holly Vadbunker and department K-9 gave three DNR presentations and K-9 demos to students from Lincoln Cultural Center's Montessori Magnet School.

CPO Eric Mieure responded to what began as a controlled burn in Union Hill but the fire began to spread and caught a pile of tractor tires on fire as well. Local Fire Departments responded and one citation was issued for discharge of contaminants into the environment.

CPO Eric Mieure while conducting boat inspections at Heidecke Lake discovered two short walleye within a live-well. The site specific regulations for Heidecke Lake require a minimum length limit of 16". One subject was issued one citation and one written warning for short fish.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland while checking fisherman at SSSP found a subject fishing without a license. Subject was found to be classified as a violent sexual predator. Later investigation confirmed that he could not be in the state park. A warrant will be requested for his arrest on this violation and a citation was issued for the fishing violation.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid arrested an Indiana man who was fishing on the DuPage River. A check of the man's records indicated a

misrepresentation of residency information was provided, allowing him to hold resident fishing privileges in both Illinois and Indiana. The man was arrested for falsification of records and fishing without a license.

CPO Reid observed three Chicago men snagging below the dam on the DuPage River at I&M Canal State Park. None of the individuals possessed a valid fishing license and six citations for unlawful snagging in a prohibited area and no fishing license were issued. Fishing equipment used to unlawfully snag was also seized.

CPO Reid responded to a traffic crash involving a motorcycle at DesPlaines Conservation Area. The driver of the motorcycle lost control, skidded the bike on the pavement and sent the driver airborne over the handle bars. The motorcycle was heavily damaged; however the driver received only minor injuries. He was treated at the scene.

CPO Honiotes responded to a trapping complaint turned over by Bolingbrook Animal Control. A Bolingbrook Police seized four foothold traps, one of which reportedly held a live coyote for three days. Multiple interviews revealed the trapper assigned a teenage helper to disarm all his traps at the end of the season. The traps would be left on site until the ground thawed and they could be removed. One trap was not disarmed and incidentally trapped the coyote out of season. CPO Honiotes arrested the trapper for unlawful setting of traps in the field during the closed season and issued written warnings for trapping without a valid trapping license/habitat stamp, trapping on property without permission of the landowner, failure to check traps every calendar day and trapping within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling without permission of the owner.

While patrolling Kankakee River State Park, CPO Honiotes came across a man who was riding his bicycle on his way home to Eagle River, Wisconsin from Fort Wayne, Indiana. The man had ridden over 700 miles to visit his brother, who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. After talking with the man for some time, CPO Honiotes gave the man directions, information about the area, a can of bug spray, a lighter and an IDNR pin as a souvenir from his journey.

While performing fish and boat checks along the Kankakee River near Wilmington, CPO Honiotes came across a home-made tinfoil one hitter pipe in a subject's tackle box. The subject removed the item, destroyed it and threw it into the Kankakee River. During an interview, the subject admitted it was "an old roach" of cannabis. The subject was arrested for unlawful littering on private property and unlawful pollution of a waterway.

While checking fishermen at the I & M Canal Trail Channahon Access, CPO Honiotes observed a young man wading out into the water below the dam to retrieve a lure. As the man waded, his friends were heard loudly cursing and carrying on as multiple families with small children recreated nearby. One of the men had a Sprite bottle in his possession, which appeared darker in color than normal. Interviews were conducted and the subject admitted the Sprite, which belonged to him, was mixed with alcohol. The subject was issued a written warning for possession of alcohol in the park. His friend, who repeatedly stating he had not been fishing, was issued a citation for unlawful fishing without a valid resident sport fishing license.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK COUNTY

CPO observed a PWC (personal watercraft) at Montrose Harbor "hot-dogging" inside the no wake area, stopped the PWC and owner, followed them into slip and issued a citation for no wake violation.

CPO Issued out four no fishing license citations for subjects observed fishing on Lake Michigan at Montrose Harbor.

CPO has ongoing investigation with Florida DNR on Florida resident fishing with an Illinois fishing license as a resident.

CPO Whitchurch was driving his patrol vehicle in southwestern Cook County when he observed a subject operating an off highway motorcycle on a busy roadway. The off highway motorcycle drove past CPO Whitchurch. When the subject saw CPO Whitchurch, he accelerated away before turning into a driveway. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the driver of the off highway motorcycle and informed him of the applicable laws. CPO Whitchurch cited the subject for unlawfully operating the off highway motorcycle on a roadway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area when he observed a subject operating a motor vehicle commit a moving violation. A traffic stop was conducted and it was learned the driver of the vehicle was driving while his license was suspended. The subject was arrested for unlawful operation of a motor vehicle while license suspended.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol enforcing boating laws on the Little Calumet River in Cook County when he observed a boat being operated which had registration that expired in 2007. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the boat and completed a boat safety inspection. CPO Whitchurch observed a child under the age of 13 was onboard the boat and was not wearing a personal flotation device while the boat was underway. CPO Whitchurch issued the operator of the boat a citation for the personal floatation device violation. A written warning was issued for the registration violation.

CPO Whitchurch conducted numerous watercraft inspections at an Illinois Department of Natural Resources owned waterway in Cook County. A total of two citations were issued. One citation was issued for a watercraft registration violation and the other citation was issued for a personal flotation device violation.

CPO Whitchurch also issued nine written warnings for watercraft violations at the aforementioned waterway.

CPO Mooi attended court in Cook County and multiple cases were continued due to defendants not showing up to court.

A man at the Columbus Park Lagoon was issued a citation for fishing without a fishing license.

A teenager at Montrose Harbor was issued a written warning for not having a fishing license.

DUPAGE COUNTY

A written warning was issued to a man for not having a fishing license in possession while fishing the DuPage River.

A written warning was issued to a man for kayaking the DuPage River without a Water Usage stamp.

CPO Mooi attended the Downers Grove Open house event with the educational trailer. CPO Mooi talked to people about local animals, trapping nuisance wildlife, recreational opportunities and how to avoid spreading invasive species.

While patrolling DuPage County, a man was issued a citation for having a passenger under 13 years old not wearing a PFD. A written warning was also issued for operating a non-powered watercraft without a Water Usage stamp.

A DuPage County man was cited for feeding deer on his property.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan investigated a medical call at Illinois Beach State Park campground where a subject fell off a bike and suffered a broken leg.

CPO Farber cited an individual at the DesPlaines River Canoe Launch for failure to immediately release short fish. Two 11 Inch largemouth bass were released alive. The site specific regulations state that bass must be at least 15 Inches to keep.

CPO Farber attended the IHSA Bass Fishing Tournament at Skokie Lagoons.

CPO Farber arrested a Wisconsin man for DUI. The subject registered a .218 on the INTOX EC/IR-II two hours after the stop. The man was taken to the Lake County Jail in Waukegan.

CPO Farber attended multiple boat training periods of instruction and patrols on Lake Michigan.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Greuel provided safety assistance with a national open water swim race at Lincoln Trail State Park in Clark County.

COLES COUNTY

CPOs Barnes and Moody patrolled the Embarras River in Coles County and dealt with multiple fishing complaints.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Moody and Sgt. McReynolds responded to the Embarras River in Cumberland County to a report of a missing man who was a day late on returning from a canoe trip. The man was subsequently located.

CPO Moody and McReynolds were informed of two people who may be cooking meth under a bridge along the river so they checked the area. The two found evidence of meth being cooked as well as items left at the scene identifying who the suspects were. While waiting for the ISP Meth Response Team to arrive, Moody and McReynolds cited a Greenup man who had driven under the bridge for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

SGT McReynolds cited a Sullivan man for speeding in Moultrie County.

CPO Barnes and CPO Moody responded to a 911 call of kayakers in trouble on the Kaskaskia River in Moultrie County. The Sullivan couple had overturned their kayaks and was clinging to a tree in swift water. The couple's 11 year grandson called 911 and their location was found by a ping to his cell phone. CPOs Barnes and Moody launched a Jon boat and rescued the Sullivan couple from the tree. They picked up the grandson and the kayaks. The couple was cold but uninjured and returned to the boat launch.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel taught rifle firearms training for the Conservation Police Trainees at the ISP Pawnee Range.

Sgt. McReynolds was on patrol in Shelby County and observed a car speeding and driving erratically. Upon stopping the car a Neoga woman was cited for speeding and issued several written warnings. The passenger, a Mattoon man, was cited for illegal transportation of open alcohol in a motor vehicle.

A Bruce subject backed his vehicle into a water fountain at the Wolf Creek campgrounds twice and then left the scene. An out of state couple camping nearby witnessed it and photographed the vehicle license plate. The subject was later found at his grandma's residence and CPO Barnes cited him for failure to report an accident and no proof of insurance.

CPO Barnes received a complaint of several subjects fishing and keeping short muskie at the Lake Shelbyville spillway. CPO Barnes arrived at the scene and made contact with two Indiana subjects. One subject stated he did not have a fishing license and he was not fishing. CPO Barnes located a Gatorade bottle with line and tackle still in the water next to the subject who then admitted to fishing. After interviewing the subjects they admitted to taking the fish they caught to a nearby hotel. CPO Barnes contacted Sgt. McReynolds who arrived at the hotel and made contact with several subjects. The subjects retrieved the short muskie from a hotel room. Three subjects were cited for no fishing license and failure to immediately release short fish.

CPO Greuel arrested a 20 year old Windsor man for driving under the influence of alcohol and unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor near Wolf Creek State Park in Shelby County. The subject had a .134 BAC. Two passengers were cited for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor.

OTHER:

District 11 Officers participated in qualifications for pistol and rifle. Range administered by CPOs Greuel and Viverito at the Charleston Police Department Range.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

DEWITT

CPO Wright and CPO Viverito checked two fishermen on Clinton Lake and found them to be in possession of four short largemouth bass. Both subjects, from Monticello, were issued a citation.

CPO Schultz was on patrol at Clinton Lake when he noticed a boat approaching the dock having motor troubles. As he helped the vessel tie up he noticed the operator made a quick move to grab and hide an object. After a short interview the operator handed over a cannabis pipe he was trying to hide. Citations were issued.

While talking to a few Bloomington fishermen about their luck catfishing, CPO Schultz observed a cannabis grinder and pipe in the cup holder of one of the fishermen's chairs. After confronting the man about the items, he and his fishing partner were both found to be in possession of two pipes, a grinder and a bag of cannabis. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Schultz and Viverito conducted a boat patrol on Clinton Lake to break in one of the new patrol boats and checked numerous vessels. During the patrol eight citations and ten written warnings were issued for various boating and fishing violations.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOs Cottrell and Shultz have overseen the closing, monitoring, reopening and then again the closing of the Middlefork River through Kickapoo State Park due to high water and flash flood conditions in event to keep visitors and the local boating public safe.

CPO Cottrell and Indiana DNR detectives have conducted three non-resident investigations regarding the unlawful purchase of resident deer permits and resident hunting license in the Indianapolis area. These investigations continue with the request to file charges to follow.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Drone was patrolling Siloam Springs State Park when he stopped a vehicle for speeding, 30 mph in a 20 mph zone. The driver was suspended.

CPO Drone and CPO Blazinic were patrolling Siloam Springs State Park. They received a call of two individuals lost hiking on the Siloam Springs trails. They responded to the area and learned the Siloam Springs campground host had already began a search of the trail system with a motorized all terrain gator. With sunset approaching, an Adams County Deputy, CPO Drone and Blazinic used the air horns and sirens on their police vehicles to guide the two individuals out. They were clearly frightened and were relieved to exit the timber.

CPO Wheatley attended a Freedom for Fishing Event in Quincy.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOs Goetten and Weishaupt attended free fishing days at Pere Marquette State Park.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Drone was checking fishermen at Pittsfield Lake when he observed a motorcycle operator with no eye protection and no registration. After the stop, the operator did not have a license with him. The name he gave CPO Drone had no record on file with Secretary of State. CPO Drone took the subject to the Pike County jail and discovered his real name. The subject was wanted on a FTA (failure to appear) warrant out of Adams County. The subject was charged with no valid driver's license, no registration, no proof of insurance, and obstructing identification.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

MENARD COUNTY

A subject was issued a citation and written warning by CPO Bettis for unlawful taking a whitetail deer buck without any valid permit and a written warning for failure to report harvest by 10 p.m. on the day of the harvest.

SANGAMON COUNTY

A subject was issued citations by CPO Bettis for unlawful use of snares, unlawful trapping without any valid trapping license, failure to tag traps (snares) with name and address and failure to check traps each day.

Channel 20 News (Springfield) featured CPOs Swance and Bettis patrolling Lake Springfield. The CPOs informed the public about boating laws and safe boating.

A subject was issued a citation by CPO Bettis for taking undersized crappie from Lake Springfield.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley received a call at Eldon Hazlet State Park in reference to a large party and reckless driving. When he arrived, he found out a park worker had caught a vehicle driving around a barricade and onto a foot trail. CPO Tapley issued the driver a citation and went to the area of the large party. Upon speaking to the people who had rented the two camping sites, Tapley determined several park rules had been violated. Both of the site holders were issued citations.

While off duty, CPO Tapley received a phone call about a boat accident at Carlyle Lake. CPO Tapley responded to the call and upon arriving he learned a fishing boat and a sailboat had been involved in the accident, and two people had been taken to the hospital due to their injuries. CPOs French, Rolfingsmeier, and Lentz, along with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rangers assisted with the call. The case is still under investigation.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French initiated a traffic stop on a man wanted on a Madison County warrant in Horseshoe Lake State Park. CPO Ray assisted in the subsequent stop which resulted in the driver being cited with cannabis possession, operating a motor vehicle without valid insurance, the vehicle being towed and the arrest being made on the wanted subject.

CPO French stopped a black SUV for speeding in Horseshoe Lake State Park. The stop resulted with the female driver being cited with operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, operating a motor vehicle without valid insurance and speeding. The vehicle was towed.

CPO Liebl appeared at a hunter safety course in Madison County. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz of Montgomery County was checking fishermen at Lake Lou Yaeger in Litchfield. While checking a couple of male subjects fishing he observed that one of the subjects had a small hitter pipe (commonly used to smoke cannabis) and some cannabis located in the cup holder of his chair. CPO Lentz arrested the subject for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and for possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject was taken to Montgomery County Jail and left in lieu of bond.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner handled a fishing without permission complaint. Two older adult males decided to fish a private pond just because they thought it looked good. The landowner confronted them and one of the illegal fishermen responded in an unpleasant and rude manner. The landowner was an excellent witness and obtained very accurate descriptions of the subjects and copied their vehicle registration. CPO Schachner and Sgt. Manker contacted the subjects and issued citations for fishing without permission and no fishing licenses.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO French was on patrol in Frank Holten State Park when a vehicle nearly struck him head-on that was traveling the wrong direction. A subsequent traffic stop resulted in the driver being arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, transportation of open alcohol, driving the wrong way and transportation of a loaded firearm.

CPO French and CPO Charles were on patrol in Frank Holten State Park when they arrested a St Louis, Missouri female on a warrant.

CPO Schachner handled two boat swampings/sinkings during this reporting period which involved a total of ten occupants. One occurred at Baldwin Lake due to high winds and heavy waves. The 16 foot boat became swamped by waves near the shoreline and was recoverable. The boat was towed by CPO Schachner approximately 5/8 of a mile and most of the equipment was recovered. The second swamping/sinking occurred on the Kaskaskia River and CPO Schachner and CPO Charles located the Jon boat for the investigating officer. The large Jon boat was swamped/sunk due to operator inexperience when he attempted to land the Jon boat at a steep bank and forced the rear of the boat under the river surface. This boat was also recovered, emptied and towed entirely with the aid of a good Samaritan who volunteered to help the boat owner.

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working sport fishing enforcement along the Mississippi River came across two fishermen fishing on railroad property. The fishermen did not have permission to be on the property. After CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted a compliance check on the fishermen, one fisherman was wanted on a warrant from Johnson County and also had drug paraphernalia on him. Both fishermen were cited for fishing without permission and the one was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was bonded out for the warrant.

CPO Rolfingsmeier completed a boat accident investigation on a swamped boat on the Kaskaskia River that occurred Memorial Day weekend.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles was on patrol at Washington County Conservation Area in Washington County. Upon making a traffic stop CPO Charles determined that the vehicle driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was cited for the violation and a licensed driver removed the vehicle from the area.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

While conducting a boat safety check on Rend Lake CPO Johnson arrested a subject in Franklin County. The subject was wanted on a warrant for traffic violations.

CPO Lay was the investigating officer of a boat accident on Rend Lake. CPO Lay and CPO Folden responded to a boat sinking near the Dam West Access area of Rend Lake. The boat was being towed into the dock area when officers arrived. A small child had his hand hurt during the incident and was the only injury reported. The boat operator was cited for overloading a watercraft and insufficient number of life jackets. A written warning was issued for not having his batteries covered. The boat was pulled from the water, drained out and taken home.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden assisted ISP District 19 in the early morning hours on a domestic involving an armed male subject, his wife, and a small baby. No county deputies were on duty and CPO Folden was asked to respond. Prior to arrival, the female subject was able to take the baby and meet ISP troopers and CPO Folden at a location away from the residence. CPO Folden assisted the troopers in apprehending the male subject without incident. The subject was arrested by ISP District 19 and charged with unlawful restraint and domestic battery.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

MARION COUNTY

CPO Holland was on patrol at S.A. Forbes State Park in Marion County. CPO Holland noticed two dogs off leash running freely. CPO Holland inquired and learned the dogs had no proof of vaccination, none of the three subjects had a valid driver's license and the vehicle was uninsured. CPO Holland issued one citation and had the vehicle towed from the park. The dogs and their owners left the park in another vehicle.

CPO Smith arrested a subject at the east parking lot in Forbes Lake State Park for violating the provisions of the criminal code by entering a state park as a registered child sex offender. CPO Smith transported the subject to the Marion County Jail where he was eligible to post bond.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Smith observed a three wheeled ATV traveling southbound on Highway 45. CPO Smith activated his emergency lights and siren to let the ATV operator know he was creating a safety hazard by being on a public highway with a vehicle that was only traveling 30 mph and had no working lights. The operator pulled off the highway and CPO Smith checked his driver license status. ISP dispatch advised CPO Smith the ATV operator's driving privileges were revoked. CPO Smith arrested the operator and cited him with driving with a revoked driver's license and unlawful operation of ATV on the roadway. The subject was transported to the Wayne County Jail and the ATV was impounded until verification of the VIN can be conducted.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman, CPO Vasicek, and Intern Newbold spoke to summer campers at Eco Camp which was held at SIU's Touch of Nature Center in Makanda. Utilizing the CPOA education trailer, the officer's spoke about the different wildlife found in Southern Illinois and the importance of protecting it. A water safety presentation emphasizing the wearing of pfds was well received by the camper's especially after CPO Mohrman accidentally inflated his work pfd.

CPO Vasicek and Intern Newbold located and cited multiple subjects on an IDNR site (Kinkaid Lake Spillway) with alcohol in possession where an alcohol ban is in effect.

CPO Vasicek arrested a male subject on Kinkaid Lake for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and Intern Newbold located a subject who had harvested a large amount of ginseng and goldenseal roots. The subject was in possession of 36 ginseng roots which were harvested during closed season, without a license, and on property where he did not have consent to be.

CPO Vasicek and Intern Newbold located and recovered a deceased mature bald eagle in rural Union County. Interviews were conducted at a nearby residence. It is believed the eagle was killed by the power line which was above the location where it was discovered.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston responded to a boat accident on Lake of Egypt. It was reported that a personal watercraft and an open bow boat had collided head on. Lake of Egypt Fire and Rescue were already en route. When CPO Boston arrived the operator

of the PWC was being transported from ambulance into an Air Evac helicopter. She was flown to Evansville, Indiana for a head injury. CPO Boston interviewed the five persons aboard the 18 foot open bow boat. The PWC had gone under the open bow boat from the bow to the stern and then into the prop. The operator of the PWC was face down in the water behind the open bow boat, alongside the PWC. A passenger of the open bow boat jumped into the lake and swam toward the woman. The operator of the open bow boat helped his wife as she had been thrust forward and to the floor of that boat. She had a cut to her face and a fractured wrist. The operator of the open bow boat then maneuvered his boat back to the location of the PWC watercraft and he entered the lake. He and his friend got the woman turned over and secured her in the water until fire and rescue arrived. The operator of the PWC was interviewed at a hospital in Evansville the next day. She was reportedly going to make a full recovery from numerous injuries from this accident. The accident is still under investigation and showed no alcohol or drugs played a role in the accident.

Sgt. Taylor and CPO Vasicek responded to and investigated a personal injury boat accident on Lake of Egypt. A female was injured by the prop after being pulled on a tube. The subject was air lifted to a trauma center and treated for lacerations on the legs.